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PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR
MOYNIHAN TO CONGRESSMAN CARL D. PERKINS

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN TO
CONGRESSMAN CARL D. PERKINS

REF: CONGRESSMAN PERKINS' LETTER DATED JANUARY 4, 1974.

1. IT SEEMS OF LATE MY AMBASSADORIAL DUTIES PARTICULARLY AS
REL*TED TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HAVE REVOLVED AROUND
THE ANIMAL KINGDOM. JUST LAST MONTH WE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM
SENATOR WARREN MAGNUSON ASKING FOR A WHITE TIGER FOR THE SEATTLE
ZOO.

2. I AM HAPPY TO REPORT MORE SUCCESS IN LOCATING TIBETAN
MASTIFFS THAN WHITE TIGERS. OUR ENQUIRIES WITH DR. S.D. SHARMA,
SECRETARY, ALL INDIA KENNEL CLUB HAVE UNEARTHED THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

3. TIBETAN MASTIFFS AND HIMALAYAN SHEEP DOGS ARE THE SAME BREED.
THEY ARE FOUND IN THE UPPER RANGES OF THE HIMALAYAS. THOSE WHICH
CROSS TO TIBET ARE CALLED MASTIFFS AND
THOSE THAT REMAIN ON THE INDIAN SIDE ARE CALLED HIMALAYAN SHEEP
DOGS.

4. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO VERIFY MR. SHARMA'S STATEMENT,
BUT ASSUME MR. SHORT WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO CLARIFY
IT. A PAIR (MALE AND FEMALE) WOULD COST ABOUT RS. 2000-2500
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(DOLS 250-315) AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT 3-6 MONTHS TO LOCATE. DR.

SHARMA SUGGESTED THAT WE ASK MR. SHORT IF HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HIMALAYAN SHEEP DOGS AND IF SO, TO INDICATE THE DESIRED AGES OF THE DOGS. HE ALSO INFORMED US OF THE ALL INDIA DOG SHOW TO BE HELD IN DELHI ON FEBRUARY 4. AT THAT TIME HE COULD LOOK FOR A PAIR THAT WOULD BE SUITABLE. IN ADDITION, HE HAS VOLUNTEERED TO WRITE TO THE REGIONAL KENNEL CLUBS IF MR. SHORT WISHES HIM TO.

5. IN THE MEANTIME, THE TIBET HOUSE IN DELHI HAS PROMISED TO SEE IF ANY TIBETAN FAMILIES THAT HAVE MASTIFFS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SELLING. PLEASE TELL MR. SHORT WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HEAR FROM HIM DIRECTLY. I WOULD CERTAINLY WELCOME HEARING FROM YOU AGAIN AT ANY TIME.

6. I WILL BE IN WASHINGTON ON JANUARY 27 FOR THREE WEEKS AND WILL CALL YOUR OFFICE TO SEE IF WE CAN BE OF FURTHER HELP. I WILL BE IN PAKISTAN ALL NEXT WEEK. BUT MY ASSOCIATE MR. JOHN YATES WILL HANDLE ANY QUERIES YOU OR MR. SHORT MIGHT BE SENDING. MOYNIHAN

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CONGRESSMAN PERKINS.

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